



COALITION COMMENDS THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO EXTEND AND REDESIGNATE TPS FOR ETHIOPIA

The TPS extension and redesignation will protect thousands of Ethiopians currently in the United States and the Special Student Relief will help Ethiopian students in the country.

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Washington, DC—The Temporary Protected Status Deferred Enforced Departure Administrative Advocacy Coalition (TPS-DED AAC) welcomes DHS Secretary Mayorkas' decision to extend and redesignate Ethiopia's Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months. This designation comes after [117 organizations](#) urged the Administration in a letter to provide a TPS redesignation and extension to protect Ethiopians living in the U.S. The efforts for this campaign were led by African Communities Together and Ethiopian Community Development Council. The campaign also received support from members of Congress who sent a [letter](#) to the administration urging for an extension and redesignation.

This decision by the Administration to provide Ethiopia a TPS redesignation and extension comes as the country is dealing with the aftermath of the two-year conflict that has caused thousands of casualties, [displacing millions](#), and leaving [2.3 million](#) in need of assistance. The Northern region of Ethiopia remains rife with humanitarian crises, further exacerbated by climate change, increasing incidents of droughts which have left millions at risk for [famine](#). The conditions in Ethiopia have not reached a point that makes it safe for Ethiopians to return.

TPS provides essential protections and humanitarian relief to foreign nationals who cannot return safely to their home due to unsafe conditions. This extension and redesignation will allow current beneficiaries to retain their TPS status and allow for new applications to be filed between June 13, 2024, and December 12, 2025. This TPS extension and [redesignation](#) is also accompanied by a [Special Student Relief \(SSR\) notice](#) for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of origin is Ethiopia. The SSR will allow eligible students to seek employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load while managing their F-1 status through the TPS designation period.

"We are grateful for the move of this Administration to issue a TPS extension and redesignation for Ethiopia," stated Dr. Tsehay Teferra, President and CEO of Ethiopian Community Development Council "The ongoing humanitarian crises and conflicts have created unsafe conditions for Ethiopians to return home safely. We hope that the Administration will continue to take steps necessary to safeguard and protect those who cannot return to their countries."

"We are pleased with the Administration's decision to provide Ethiopia with a TPS redesignation and 18-month extension. With Ethiopia still struggling to establish sustained peace within its region, the thousands of Ethiopians who reside within the United States will be able to rest easy knowing that they will be kept safe from deportation," said Nils Kinuani, Federal Policy Manager at African Communities Together.

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The [TPS-DED AAC](#) is a national coalition of more than 100 organizations with deep expertise in law and policy surrounding TPS and DED. Member organizations range from community-based organizations directly serving impacted communities in the United States to international NGOs, working in and providing insight from affected countries.